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SUBJECT: STATUS OF SAUDI CONSULS IN HOUSTON

REF: STATE 072315

1. CONSUL GENERAL GAVE MFA CHEIF OF PROTOCOL SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL, AS INFORMAL NOTE FROM DCM, DURING MEETING ON 19 APRIL 1978 REQUESTED BY AMBASSADOR SONBUL TO DISCUSS UNRELATED MATTERS. AMBASSADOR WAS NOT PLEASED. HE INSISTED THAT UNDEPD"INTERNATIONAL LAW", CONSULS DESERVED SAME TOTAL IMMUNITY AS DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL.

2. CONSUL GENERAL SUGGESTED THAT "INTERNATIONAL " UNDERSTANDING FOR STATUS OF CONSULAR OFFICES AND OFFICERS WAS VIENNA CONVENTION, TO WHICH SAUDI ARABIA IS NO SIGNATORY, BUT THAT LAST LINE OF DCM'S INFORMAL NOTE BORE ON ISSUE: "SUBJECT OF ADDITIONAL IMMUNITIES COULD BE COVERED IN A SAUDI-US CONSULAR CONVENTION."

3. ALTHOUGH EXPRESSING SOME INTEREST IN POSSIBLE FUTURE BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION, AMBASSADOR SONBUL INSISTED HIS CONCERN WAS TO SEE "FULL
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IMMUNITIES" EXTENDED NOW RPT NOW TO SAUDI CONSULAR OFFICERS IN HOUSTON. HE SAID THAT "FOR THIRTY YEARS" US CONSULAR OFFICERS AT DHAHRAN HAD ENJOYED COMPLETE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND INSISTED HOUSTON SHOULD HAVE THE SAME. HE SAID HE WILL CONTINUE PURSUE THIS MATTER URGENTLY.
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